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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 69, 78, 92, 105, 108, 126 and 133 as follows:

69. The method of claim 61 further comprising sending mouth states corresponding to mouth shapes, [.] the mouth states having been identified using the spectral content in each of the frequency bands, spectral power and zero crossings.

78. A method of synchronizing mouth images to an input audio stream comprising:
analyzing a portion of the input audio stream to obtain a spectral content, a zero crossings count and a power value for the portion;